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LETTER OF DECEMBER 31 TO SIMONOV

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 4 TO
DR. A.I. SIMONOV, CHIEF, DEPT. OF SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR
PROTECTION AND UTILIZATION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT, STATE
INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY, HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES OF
THE USSR, PEREULOK PAVLIKA MOROZOVA, 12, MOSCOW,
D-376, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR ANATOLIY: RICHARD HITTINGER HAS RETURNED FROM HIS
CRUISE ABOARD THE MUSSON AND REPORTS THAT THE OIL INTERCALI-
BRATION WAS COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY. WE ARE VERY ENCOURAGED
TO HAVE SUCH A GOOD BEGINNING OF OUR PLANNED INTERCALIBRATION
PROGRAM, AND HOPE TO BE ABLE TO BEGIN THE HEAVY METALS PROGRAM
SOON.

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CONCERNING THE BIOLOGICAL WORKING MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM TO BE

HELD IN VDAAU SLE MARCH 16-28, 1976, WE PLAN TO MEET THE SOVIET DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON MARCH 16. OUR PLANS ARE A I DETAILED THEM TO YOU IN MY LETTER OF DECEMBER 31, 1976, AND WE HAVE MADE COMMITMENTS TO THE US PARTICIPANTS AND COMMITMENTS FOR THE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS. IN ORDER TO FULFILL THESE COMMITMENTS I MUST HAVE YOUR IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS, A LIST OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, AND THE TITLES OF THE SOVIET PAPERS. IN THIS CONNECTION I HAVE SENT THE TEXTS OF OUR PAPERS TO YOU VIA OUR MOSCOW EMBASSY. I REQUEST THAT YOU SEND ME THE SOVIET PAPERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, VIA OUR EMBASSY.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHEMICAL MEETING IN THE USSR, I AM ENCLOSING A LIST OF THE US PARTICIPANTS AND THE TOPICS EACH SCIENTIST WILL BE CONCERNED WITH AT THE MEETING. WHEREAS I HAD PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED THE DATES MAY 10-20, THE WORK SCHEDULES OF THE US SPECIALISTS REQUIRE THAT I NOW PROPOSE JUNE 15-25. OUR SCIENTISTS ARE NOW PLANNING THEIR SUMMER SCHEDULES AND I MUST HAVE A CONFIRMATION OF THIS BY MARCH 1, INCLUDING THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND TOPICS OF THEIR PAPERS, WHICH WERE DUE BY FEBRUARY 1 AS INDICATED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE FOURTH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

I PROPOSE THAT WE STRUCTURE THE CHEMICAL WORKING MEETING AROUND THE FOLLOWING POINTS: 1) INTERCALIBRATION PROGRAM ON HEAVY METALS; 2) EXCHANGE OF DATA ON THE LEVELS OF COASTAL AND OPEN OCEAN POLLUTION INCLUDING RAW DATA AND METHODOLOGY EMPLOYED; AND 3) LONG-TERM JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING GOALS TO BE WORKED TOWARD.

FOLLOWING THE CHEMICAL MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM, DR. TUREKIAN AND HIS ASSOCIATES WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SOME LABORATORIES DOING WORK RELATED TO THE TOPICS WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED. THEY ARE IN PARTICULAR INTERESTED IN SPENDING A FEW DAYS AT THE LABORATORY OF DR. ASLANIAN, WHOM DR. TUREKIAN MET DURING HIS VISIT WITH YOU IN MAY 1973. THERE THEY WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER PURSUE THE DISCUSSION OF POLLUTION OF LAKES IN ARMENIA. OTHER SITES FOR POSSIBLE VISITS WOULD BE THE STATE OCEANOLOGY LABORATORIES (G.O.I.N.) IN MOSCOW AND SEVASTOPOL, AND THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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IN LENINGRAD.

IN CLOSING, MAY I REQUEST THAT YOU SEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE SOVIET ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED IN OUR JOINT COLLECTION. YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 1975 TO PROFESSOR GOLDBERG YOU EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT YOU COULD SEND THESE ARTICLES IN DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY.

I HOPE THAT MY PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES, AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SHORTLY. KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY, ERIC D. SCHNEIDER."

3. ENCLOSURE: TOPICS FOR CHEMICAL MEETING, JUNE 15-25.

V.E. NOSHKIN: PLUTONIUM IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

M. BENDER: MANGANESE AND CADMIUM GEOCHEMISTRY IN THE ESTUARINE AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

B.J. PRESLEY: THE TRANSFER OF POLLUTANTS TO THE OCEAN BY THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

J.L. BADA: AMINO ACIDS IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

P.G. BREWER: THE ELEMENTAL COMPOSITION OF MARINE PARTICULATE MATTER.

B.J. SIMPSON: FALLOUT RADIONUCLIDES AS TRACERS OF RECENT SEDIMENTS.

P.E. BISCAE: SUSPENDED PARTICULATE CONCENTRATIONS AND COMPOSITIONS, NATURAL RADIONUCLIDES AND SEDIMENTATION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF.

B. WINDOM: MERCURY AND CADMIUM MATERIAL BALANCE IN A SALT MARSH ESTUARY (SAVANNAH RIVER).

L.K. BENNINGER: THE BEHAVIOR OF THE URANIUM DECAY SERIES NUCLIDES IN LONG ISLAND SOUND.

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PARTICIPATE."

4. IN PASSING THIS TO KAZAKOV REQUEST EMBASSY REITERATE OUR CONCERN THAT SIMONOV RESPOND PROMPTLY THROUGH EMBASSY CHANNEL. FYI: HE HAS BEEN NOTORIOUSLY NEGLIGENT THUS FAR IN NON RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM DR. SCHNEIDER WHICH GREATLY COMPLICATES AND FRUSTRATES SCHNEIDER'S PLANNING AND RELATIONS WITH US PARTICIPANTS. SISCO

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